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#### OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

# WINDHAM FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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## Minutes for September 30, 2016 (DRAFT)

Community Development Meeting Room
Public Invited to Attend

## Call to Order at 1:05pm

- a. In attendance, Wanda Rice, Norm Babineau, Jim Fricchione (Jim Fr.), Brian McFarland.
- b. Jim Finn (Jim Fi.), absent
- 1. Next Meeting Date and Time: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm in the Community Development Building.

# **Reports on Action Items from Last Meeting**

**2. Approve September 16**<sup>th</sup> **Meeting Minutes**. Norm motioned to approve. Wanda seconded. Norm, Wanda, Brian and Jim Fr. vote to approve. Motion passed 4-0-0.

#### 3. Warrant Article for Funds for 2017

- a. Wanda sent Warrant Article to Dave Sullivan for review (no comments as of today)
- b. Committee will keep eyes open for Board of Selectmen meeting when Warrant Articles will be reviewed
- c. Both the Bylaws and the Warrant Article will eventually be submitted to Board of Selectmen

## **New Business**

## 4. Bylaws: Review and Edit Draft

- a. Committee reviewed entire Bylaws which were drafted by Norm and updated by Brian.
  - Committee is fine with: Section I: Purpose; Section IV: Violations; Section V: Disposition of Fines; Section VI: Enforcement; Section VII: Waivers; and Section VIII: Severability.
  - ii. There was lots of discussion on: Section II: Permitted Uses within the McIlvaine Town Forest and Section III: Prohibited Uses within the McIlvaine Town Forest.
    - 1. Brian will incorporate all comments and send around a tracked changes version of the latest Bylaws, with 2-3 sample phrases for language on hunting and target practice.
    - Jim Fr. spoke with Police Chief Lewis about parameters to regulate public intoxication and disorderly conduct. It appears Bylaws are not enforceable by police, but ordinances are enforceable. The Committee believes the Bylaws will become a town ordinance upon being passed by the town.

3. Update Section III, F to: Public intoxication and/or disorderly conduct are prohibited.

#### 5. Fall Trail Work

- a. Committee was planning to discuss the following, but will do so at the next meeting:
  - i. Weston Trail, stone wall work, easement improvements.
  - ii. Start new trail from Osgood to Weston.
  - iii. Bridge over water toward Settlers Ridge by utilizing the bridge to nowhere
  - iv. Possible partnership with NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) to develop trails in the southern half of the property.
  - v. Discuss trail layouts including trail closures and possible new access trails.

Norm motioned to adjourn, Jim Fr. seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm